Gary Brotman (SBN 287726) gary@marqueelaw.com 2 Diego Gallego Gómez (SBN 337395) diego@marqueelaw.com MARQUEE LAW GROUP, A Professional Corporation 9100 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 445 East Tower Beverly Hills, California 90212 5 (310) 275-1844 telephone (310) 275-1801 fax 6 7 Attorney for Plaintiff **GEARY SHA** 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 GEARY SHA, an individual; **United States District Court** Case No.: 3:24-cv-01738-EMC 12 Plaintiff, 13 San Francisco Superior Court VS. Case No.: CGC-23-606989 14 AIRCRAFT SERVICE INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation; MENZIES **DECLARATION OF GARY S.** 15 AVIATION (USA), INC., a Delaware **BROTMAN IN SUPPORT OF** 16 Corporation; TRACY AGUILERA, an) PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO REMAND individual; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive. **CASE** 17 Defendants.) Date: June 13, 2024 18 Time: 1:30 p.m. 19 Judge: Honorable Edward M. Chen Location: Phillip Burton Federal Building 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 DECLARATION OF GARY S. BROTMAN IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO REMAND CASE Case No. 3:24-cv-01738-EMC

DECLARATION OF GARY S. BROTMAN

I, GARY S. BROTMAN, declare:

- 1. I am an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of California as well as this Court. I am a member of Marquee Law Group, APC, attorneys for Plaintiff Geary Sha ("Plaintiff"). I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would competently testify with respect thereto.
 - 2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion to Remand Case.
- 3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of a February 9, 2024 email from Aptus providing my office with the rough draft transcript of Defendants' deposition of Plaintiff.
- 4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of an April 17, 2024 email from Aptus stating that Aptus provided Defendants' counsel with the rough draft transcript of Defendant's deposition of Plaintiff on February 8, 2024 at 12:12 p.m.
- 5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the rough transcript that match the same excerpts from the certified transcript utilized by Defendants as Exhibit I in their Notice of Removal.
- 6. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a true and correct copy of emails between Defendants' counsel and me, in which I requested to depose Defendants' Person Most Knowledgeable beginning in December 2023, which Defendants have continuously obstructed to the present.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on this 19th day of April 2024, in Beverly Hills, California.

/s/ Gary S. Brotman_

Gary S. Brotman

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DECLARATION OF GARY S. BROTMAN IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO REMAND CASE

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Hello Counsel,

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Best Regards,



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Hello Mr. Brotman,

I apologize for the delay. Please be advised the rough draft was sent to Mr. Kevin Jackson on 02/08/24 at 12:12pm. Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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EXHIBIT C

- 4 managers that's out of the field to understand and go
- 5 out there and observe you know what they tell me is to
- 6 make a judgment in regards to what is needs to be made.
- 7 Q. In the situations that you identify where you
- 8 were involved in the decision-making process to
- 9 terminate the employment of it sounds like two
- 10 individuals, can you describe what that process was
- 11 like?
- 12 A. One of the issues that led to termination of
- 13 one of the employees was an FAA violation where they
- 14 call it blocking the deadman. A deadman is a switch
- 15 that controls or activities a pump. Blocking it
- 16 requires, you know jamming a piece of wire whatsoever to
- 17 it keeps on -- keeps on basically. And FAA rules that's
- 18 a violation and it's terminal offense. So that's pretty
- 19 much -- pretty much self explanatory.
 - 20 Tracy -- I was working with Tracy in regards
- 21 to that to get all the documentation. I got CCPD
- 22 purchases from the tank farm the fuel farm itself
- 23 when --
- 24 (Reporter requests clarification.)
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- 2 Q. Is that Tracy Aguilera?
- 3 A. I'm sorry, Tracy Aguilera.
- 4 You confused me as well.
- 5 Q. The same Tracy you were just discussing that's
 - 6 the same Tracy Aguilera who is the defendant in this
- 7 case; correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And so it sounds like you had with respect to
- 10 that termination an opportunity to work directly with
- 11 Tracy in connection with that personnel decision?
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. And what was your opinion of Tracy's you know
- 14 professionalism when it came to assisting in that
- 15 termination decision?

16	MR. BROTMAN: Objection calls for speculation,
17	calls for a legal conclusion.
18	THE WITNESS: So when that had been and Track
10	THE WITNESS: So when that had happened Tracy
19	gave me recommendations of what what could we do.
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20	She also put on a side note that is there anyway we can
21	safe this employee. Because one this employee that was
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22	getting terminated was a shop union rep for the company
23	and I pretty much had to follow by the rules of you know
20	and i pretty much had to follow by the rules of you know
24	FAA violations, FAA violations. You know you have too
25	many parties that's involved with this. You have the

- 1 fuel farm -- fuel farm general manager which is -- is
- 2 one that provides immediate CCTB and every time those
 - 3 incidents got to be reported to FAA so they know what's
- 4 going on. I made a judgment call of there's no way we

5	can save this individual. So therefore the termination
6	stands.
7	Q. Okay. And in your opinion was did Tracy
8	handle that decision-making process in a fair manner?
9	MR. BROTMAN: Objection calls for speculation,
10	vague and ambiguous as to fair. Calls for expert

- 12 THE WITNESS: So Tracy basically had the
- 13 process that I told her. Because at the end of the day
- 14 I am in charge of this station.
- 15 MR. JACKSON: Okay. So when you were working
- 16 with Tracy for that termination ultimately it was your
- 17 decision and Tracy had to do what you instructed her to
- 18 do.

11 opinion.

- 19 Q. Is that your testimony?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. And so then after that, if Tracy
- 22 communicated the decision to the employee she would be
- 23 communicating what presumably you had guided her to do;
- 24 is that correct?
- 25 MR. BROTMAN: Objection assumes facts.

1	Incomplete hypothetical.
2	THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase that?
3	MR. JACKSON: Let me ask a different question.
J	WIN. OACHOON. Let me ask a different question.
4	Q. Did you when the termination decision was
5	made who communicated that decision to the employee to
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6	your knowledge?
7	A. So after we have a meeting with tray so I what
8	is there to do in the process.
9	Q. Yeah, what happened. How did the employee
9	Q. Tean, what happened. How did the employee
10	come to learn that he or she had been terminated?
11	A. We had a meeting with the individual and we
12	sat the individual down and explained to them, you know,
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13	this is the rules. We are basing your termination off
14	on this what you call the evidence that we have at
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16	O And who attended that meeting? I don't know

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- 18 A. Me, Tracy and one other shop rep.
- 19 Q. Okay. And in that meeting you said you were
- 20 basically -- everything you just said turn communicating
- 21 to the employee about the reasons for the decision and
- the rules about why the company did what it did?
- 23 A. Right.
- 24 Q. Is that correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

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- 1 Q. Did Tracy communicate any of the same to the
- 2 employee or was it just you?
- 3 A. We both did. We were both at that meeting
- 4 when the final decision.
- 5 Q. Okay. And in your view were those

6	communications made in the ordinary course of performing
7	your jobs as managers for Menzies?
8	A. I'm sorry?
9	Q. So the meeting you just described where you
10	and Tracy were communicating the company's termination
11	decision to the employee, do you agree that that was
12	just part of your and Tracy's job was to communicate
13	Menzies' decision to the employee at that meeting?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. You would agree that that's just an ordinary
16	function that a manager in your position and in Tracy's
17	position performed for Menzies?
18	A. Yes.
19	MR. BROTMAN: Objection compound, calls for
20	speculation.
21	BY MR. JACKSON:
22	Q. You said you communicated a lot to the
23	employee during that meeting, but in your mind was your

24 decision to terminate the employee based on company

25 policy?

A. Yes.

- 2 Q. And ultimately did you come to the opinion
- 3 that Tracy agreed with your decision that termination
- 4 was justified based on company policy?
- 5 MR. BROTMAN: Objection calls for speculation
- 6 as to what Tracy thought.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Was this the final meeting with
- 8 the employee or just a meeting that I have with Tracy
- 9 and the training managers.
- 10 BY MR. JACKSON:
- 11 Q. I was just referring to the termination
- 12 meeting we were just talking about?
- 13 A. If you are talking about the termination with
- 14 the employee happened with the final meeting with them.
- 15 Yes, its my position based on all the evidenced I
- 16 gathered and the company policy and the FAA violation,
- 17 as well.

- 19 make that clear.
- So going back a little bit before we went on
- 21 break we were talking about I believe the Exhibit 6 was
- the February 10th, 2022 email; right?
- A. Right.
- Q. And we were talking about before that time in
- 25 connection with your employment and position as the

- 1 general manager you would have some occasion to work
- 2 directly with Tracy Aguilera with respect to at least
- 3 one termination decision.
- 4 Is that correct?
- 5 A. Two. A total of two, that I remember.
- 6 Q. Two.
- 7 Can you describe the other termination that we

8	talked about	earlier and	you were i	interactions	with
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- 9 Tracy in connection with that?
- 10 A. The other termination was due to attendance
- 11 issues of personnel. Nothing against his what you say,
- 12 personality. It was more his absence or tardiness
- 13 affecting our operations and pretty much trying to
- 14 follow the company policy in regards to attendance
- 15 policy was adhered and attendance issues with this
- 16 employee based on cause.
- 17 Q. Was that your decision?
- 18 A. Yes, following company policy attendance
- 19 policy.
- 20 Q. And --
- 21 A. And there was --
- 22 Q. Go ahead.
- 23 A. -- there was a time that I have meetings with
- 24 Tracy and also during that time with the training
- 25 manager as well to discuss about employee that's going

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- 2 Tracy was asking is there anything we can do
- 3 to save this individual. I told Tracy straight up a
- 4 adhering with the company's attendance policy, this guy
- 5 violated a lot of issues and, you know, I made the
- 6 decision to let him go.
- 7 Q. And then did you instruct Tracy to proceed
- 8 with processing the termination based on your decision?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And did she fulfill your requests?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And in fulfilling your requests do you agree
- 13 that that was part of what her job function in human
- 14 resources required her to do?
- 15 MR. BROTMAN: Objection may call for
- 16 speculation.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 18 BY MR. JACKSON:
- 19 Q. And did you then or sitting here now take any

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- 21 function in connection with that termination?
- A. Before the termination she was asking, you
- 23 know, can we give each of them a second chance. And she
- 24 knows that there is no second chances to be given.
- 25 Q. Okay. So she was looking for a way to give

- 1 the employee a second chance and you said no and then
- 2 instructed her to proceed with the termination.
- 3 Is that correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And so in so processing that termination and
- 6 in your view Tracy was doing what she was supposed to do
- 7 based on your direction to her; correct?
- 8 A. Right.

- 12 direct communications with Tracy Aguilera regarding your
- 13 medical condition?
- 14 A. That, I don't recall.
- 15 Q. Did you have -- strike that.
- Prior to February 10th, 2022, did you have any
- 17 communications with Tracy Aguilera about your need to
- 18 have time off to have surgery?
- 19 A. I don't recall.
- 20 Q. To the best of your recollection is the only
- 21 person you spoke with at Menzies about your need for
 - 22 time off in February 2022, was that Kevin Lager?
- 23 A. Yes, because he was the boss. Tracy doesn't
 - 24 have anything to do with decision-making, whatsoever.
- 25 Kevin is the one that has the decision-making.

- 1 a non FMLA medical leave which is not a job protected
- 2 absence and does not provide a job restoration rights.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You understood that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And the letter said I do understood that at
- 7 the time; correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. It goes on to state upon the expiration of the
- 10 leave you may be returned to your former position based
- 11 on business needs and availability; correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. So at the time you received this letter in
- 14 April of 2022, was it your understanding that starting
- 15 on May 7th you would be on a non FMLA CFRA leave that
- 16 did not have job protection rights and that you will
- 17 return your former position was not guaranteed?
- 18 A. Yes.
 - 19 Q. Okay. And again it's your testimony that at
 - 20 this time that you were receiving this email you were
 - 21 taking no issue with how Menzies responded to your
 - 22 requests for time off or classified your requests for

- she said Michael Porier or company finds that there's no
- 2 longer a need of a general manager at SFO because they
- have operation manager, they have additional account 3
- 4 manager.
- 5 Q. Okay. And did Tracy say anything to you
- 6 during that discussion to indicate that Menzies decision
- 7 was based on your medical condition?
 - 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. And during that conversation did Tracy say
- 10 anything to you to indicate that Menzies decision was
- 11 based on your leave of absence?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. And other than Tracy's statement that the
- 14 company determined that there was no longer a need for
- 15 the general manager position had eliminated it at SFO
 - 16 did she tell you anything else regarding Menzies reasons
- 17 for its decision?

- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Sitting here today, do you know why Menzies
- 20 made the decision to eliminate the general manager
- 21 position at SFO?
 - A. I have no include.
 - 23 Q. Are there any -- strike that.
- 24 Has anybody from Menzies communicated anything
- 25 to you in writing or verbally to contradict the reason

- 1 that Tracy identified in her meeting with you on
 - 2 December 20th 2022 as to why Menzies eliminated the
- 3 general manager position at SFO?
- 4 MR. BROTMAN: Objection leading.
- 5 THE WITNESS: No.
 - 6 BY MR. JACKSON:
 - 7 Q. And during this meeting Tracy informed you for

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- 2 Q. Just so I'm clear.
- 3 You have no information to suggest that there
- were other positions open that she concealed from you 4
- 5 during that meeting on December 20th, 2022; correct?
- 6 A. Not quite sure. She only gave me those two
- job listing aircraft fueler and cargo. To me that does 7
- not make sense. 8
- 9 Q. My question is simp -- my question is simply:
- 10 Other than those two positions are you aware of whether
- 11 there were other positions available at the SFO station
- 12 as of December 20th, 2022?
- 13 MR. BROTMAN: Objection asked and answered.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- Q. After Tracy informed you of those two open 15
- positions, you responded with, you know, what you 16
 - 17 testified to before essentially that they were, you
- 18 know, significantly lower paying and you know several

- 19 steps down from the general manager position; correct?
- 20 A. That is correct.
- 21 Q. And then you inquired with her about open
- 22 management positions at other locations other than SFO;
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. And then how did Tracy respond to that

- 1 request?
- 2 A. She draft me a list of what she could find
- 3 out. She also mentioned that there is no guarantee, no
- 4 relocation fee for me and also gave me a deadline of
- 5 three days to think about it. Three days not enough to
- 6 think about to talk to my family, to make that move.
- 7 That's a gamble, too.
 - 8 Q. Well?

- 10 law protects you from your status.
- 11 Q. But you understood at this time that you had
- 12 been on an unprotected medical leave of absence for the
- 13 entire period of time since your FMLA CFRA leave expired
- 14 in May of 2022, correct.
- MR. BROTMAN: Objection calls for a legal
- 16 conclusion.
- 17 THE WITNESS: As I mentioned before after
- 18 receiving those many letters it doesn't really apply
- 19 because I haven't seen anybody that have a different
- 20 position after extended leave. Especially in my case in
- 21 my position as GM. They just don't leave -- you don't
- 22 get rid of GM just like that.
- l'm not a regular agent which is replaceable.
- Q. Okay. But you understood that Menzies had
- 25 communicated to you since prior to ahead of the time

- 1 your FMLA CFRA leave had expired in May of 2022 the
- 2 company was extending your leave of absence pursuant to
 - 3 a medical leave of absence policy that was not job
- 4 protected.
- 5 That was communicated to you multiple times;
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
 - 8 Q. Okay. And looking at this email do you find
 - 9 this to be an appropriate communication with your
 - 10 employer?
 - 11 MR. BROTMAN: Objection vague and ambiguous.
 - 12 THE WITNESS: I believe so.
 - 13 BY MR. JACKSON:
 - 14 Q. And you understood that Menzies was offering
 - 15 you all of the positions at SFO to which you responded
 - this is an insane job offer; correct?
 - 17 MR. BROTMAN: Objection mischaracterizes the
 - 18 testimony.
 - 19 THE WITNESS: Yes.
 - Q. And you were demanding your job back as GM;

- 11 employment attorney?
- 12 A. Not yet.
- 13 Q. And then you state mean while I shall oblige
- 14 you by attending the scheduled meeting on December 28th,
- 15 2022; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. By way of this communication were you in your
- 18 mind clearly communicating that you would not accept the
- 19 open positions that were available at SFO?
- A. Actually accept.
- 21 Q. Right. So you were turning down the work that
- 22 Menzies informed you was available at this time at SFO;
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 MR. JACKSON: I'd like to introduce an Exhibit

- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. So the email goes on to say I have looked at
- 6 the other positions more in line with your previous
- 7 position in the Menzies network that you can apply and
- 8 may be considered.
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And is that consistent with your understanding
- 12 that after you asked Tracy about other positions she
- 13 looked into them, there were nor management level across
- 14 the Menzies network and then identified four such
- 15 positions that would be available now?
- 16 A. She only sent this as it was requested a week
- 17 later and I had three days from that time to make a
- decision to see if I can move and like I say there's no
- 19 relocation funds. How can that be?
- Q. My question was simply: In response to your
- 21 requests to look at positions outside of SFO that were
- 22 more equivalent to the management position you held,
- 23 Tracy looked at open positions and provided these four
- 24 in response to your requests; is that correct?
- 25 MR. BROTMAN: Objection asked and answered.

- 1 Again.
 - 2 THE WITNESS: Yeah. She only gave me these
 - 3 positions when I asked for it. It's not offered to me.
 - 4 Q. I--
 - 5 A. To begin with.
 - 6 Q. I -- my question is simply: In response to
 - your request did Tracy identify open positions in the 7
 - 8 Menzies network that were more equivalent to the
 - 9 management position you held; yes or no?
 - 10 A. Objection asked and answered. Again,
 - 11 harassing at this point.
 - 12 No, I'm telling you. These are -- these are
 - 13 positions that I was not offered to me to begin with. I
 - 14 had to ask for it.
 - 15 Q. Sir, my question is not whether you were

- 5 Q. No problem.
- 6 A. Can you name the file name that you shared?
- 7 Q. Yeah, it's Tab 16 in the chat. It says
- 8 10:34 a.m.
- 9 A. Tab 16 complaint and you talked about what
- 10 line? I'm sorry.
- 11 Q. I just wanted to see if you added it in front
- 12 of you.
- 13 A. Yeah, I have it in front of me.
- 14 Q. All right I want you to look at paragraph 53,
- 15 please?
- 16 A. Fifty-three.
- 17 Okay.
- 18 As described herein.
- 19 Q. Yeah. Okay starting online 24 it states
- 20 defendants actions Aguilar acting in her capacity as ASI
- 21 Menzies including one stopped to obstruct plans to
- return to work.
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 And what specifically in your view constituted

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- 2 MR. BROTMAN: Objection calls for a legal
- 3 contention pursuant to writ in the superior court.
- 4 THE WITNESS: She used to word voluntary
- 5 resignation every time I felt threaten because I don't
 - 6 resign at all or voluntarily resign.
 - 7 Q. Okay. Other than Tracy's statements about
 - 8 voluntary resignation is there anything else that she
- 9 said that made you feel threatened?
- 10 A. No, just only voluntary resignation every
- 11 time.
 - 12 Q. And those were written communications that
 - we've look at today during your deposition? 13
 - A. That is correct. 14
 - 15 Q. And is it your belief that Tracy made the

- 17 A. I believe she has to do whatever the boss
- 18 says, right? So it is not her decision but then it is
- 19 how -- how it was explained to me, I feel threatened.
- 20 Voluntary resignation. You voluntary resign. Which I
- 21 don't resign.
- 22 Q. Do you know whether Tracy was instructed by
- 23 anybody else to classify your termination as a voluntary
- 24 resignation?
- 25 A. That I'm not sure. We all have different

- 1 bosses.
- 2 Q. But ultimately it is your testimony that you
- 3 don't think Tracy was the one that made the decision.
- 4 She was just performing her job as the human resources
- 5 manager in communicating with you?

- 6 MR. BROTMAN: Objection misstates the
- 7 testimony. Leading.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't know.
- 9 BY MR. JACKSON:
- 10 Q. Well, is there any reason for you to believe
 - that she was acting outside of her capacity as a human
- 12 resources manager during her communications with you?
- 13 MR. BROTMAN: Objection calls for speculation
- 14 as to her capacity as a human resources manager.
 - 15 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
 - 16 BY MR. JACKSON:
 - 17 Q. Are you familiar with Tracy's complete job
 - 18 description?
 - 19 A. She handles all the difficulties and all the
 - 20 humans relationship with all the employees so to speak.
 - 21 Q. And other than that, do you have personal
 - 22 knowledge of specific job duties and responsibilities
 - 23 that Tracy Aguilera holds in her capacity at Menzies?
 - A. Not too familiar because she is not under my
 - 25 supervisor. So I really don't know. I know she has a

EXHIBIT D





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Kevin,

Can you do February 6, 2024 for Plaintiff's deposition? I am also attaching a draft of our deposition notice for ASI's person most knowledgeable. Please let me know who the deponent or deponents would be for each category and their availability for deposition.

Regards,

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Kevin,

I don't know that we are going to agree to giving you another date with our client after you had an entire day and before I take a single PMK deposition. I don't see any basis in law or professional courtesy when I have been asking for the PMK since December with nothing in return. I suggest we start with Defendant identifying how many PMK deponents there will be, and which topics they will cover, and we can take it from there.

I am still thinking about late March or early April.

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Hi Gary, I am not trying to create an unnecessary dispute here, but we noticed plaintiff's deposition well in advance of receiving your draft PMK notice and I don't believe I saw any follow up until after plaintiff's deposition. It is not just that we have had one day, we are in the middle of a deposition, and it would not be appropriate for plaintiff to take a deposition and then reconvene his date. Like I said, we are happy to coordinate them and even allow them to run back to back on consecutive days, but we believe we are entitled to complete his deposition first.

I'll be in touch with dates soon.

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Kevin,

It certainly seems pretty unnecessary. I find it hard to believe that you are in the middle of his deposition after you had an entire 8 hours with my client and went through the timeline of facts up through his termination. How much more time do you anticipate needing?

It is not appropriate for you to withhold your client's depositions because you weren't able to finish in a full day. I could have unilaterally noticed a deposition back in December the same way you did but chose to work with you in good faith by sending you the list of topics first. It now appears that you are refusing to confer in good faith. I will need to know the identity of the pmk deponents and the topics they will each cover before we take this any further. You should have been able to obtain this information in the last 2 months.

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